

SENATE BILL No. 503

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-1-22; IC 21-3-13.

Synopsis: Smart start program and grant. Establishes a grant program for school readiness programs beginning in the 2002-2003 school year. Requires school corporations to develop and submit a plan to the department of education and Indiana state board of education for approval before receiving a grant. Appropriates \$60,000,000 to the department of education for its use in awarding grants during the 2001-2003 biennium.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education and to make an appropriation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-1-22 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
2 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2001]:

4 **Chapter 22. Smart Start Program Plan**

5 **Sec. 1. The board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 establishing**
6 **the criteria for acceptable smart start programs that may be**
7 **approved under this chapter. The rules must provide that**
8 **programs similar to the following are approved:**

- 9 (1) Head Start under 42 U.S.C. 9831 et seq.
10 (2) Even Start.
11 (3) Transitional kindergarten and grade 1.
12 (4) Full day kindergarten.
13 (5) Before and after school programs.
14 (6) Other nationally accepted programs that improve school
15 readiness.

16 **The criteria must be based on national studies and research on**
17 **school readiness programs.**



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1 **Sec. 2. Each school corporation may adopt a plan to provide a**
 2 **smart start program. The plan must comply with the rules adopted**
 3 **under this chapter and must include the following:**

4 **(1) Goals, objectives, and expectations of the program that are**
 5 **consistent with each school's strategic and continuous school**
 6 **improvement and achievement plan under IC 20-10.2-3.**

7 **(2) Anticipated or estimated participation in each program.**

8 **(3) Physical space needs, specifically identifying the potential**
 9 **need for more classrooms or facilities or expansion of existing**
 10 **rooms and including the estimated cost for additional space**
 11 **that will be attributable to having a program.**

12 **(4) Transportation needs, including necessary additional bus**
 13 **routes and buses and the estimated cost for necessary**
 14 **expansion of transportation.**

15 **(5) Personnel needs, including necessary additional teachers,**
 16 **aides, and other staff that will be required to maintain a**
 17 **fifteen to one (15:1) student to teacher ratio in kindergarten**
 18 **through grade 3 and the estimated cost for necessary**
 19 **additional personnel.**

20 **(6) Professional development plans for program teachers,**
 21 **including a description of the types and amount of training**
 22 **that teachers in the program will be asked or required to**
 23 **complete before implementing a program.**

24 **(7) Academic structure of the program, including the mix of**
 25 **subject areas and activities that will be provided in the**
 26 **program.**

27 **(8) A list of statutes and rules that the governing body**
 28 **considers necessary to have waived for the success of the**
 29 **program.**

30 **(9) Parental involvement plans for the program.**

31 **(10) Evaluation methods that will be used to monitor progress**
 32 **toward meeting or exceeding the program goals, objectives,**
 33 **and expectations.**

34 **Sec. 3. (a) A governing body shall conduct a public hearing for**
 35 **the purpose of giving all interested parties an opportunity to**
 36 **review and comment on the plan. Notice of the hearing must be**
 37 **given at least fourteen (14) days before the hearing in accordance**
 38 **with IC 5-14-1.5-5(b). After the public hearing the governing body**
 39 **may revise the plan and hold another public hearing on the revised**
 40 **plan.**

41 **(b) The approved plan must be submitted to the department for**
 42 **review and approval before January 1, 2002, to receive a grant for**

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the 2002-2003 school year. A school corporation that does not submit a plan in 2001 must submit a plan to the department for review and approval before January 1 of a school year to receive a grant in subsequent school years.

(c) The plan must then be submitted to the board for approval.

(d) A school corporation is not entitled to program funding under IC 21-3-13 until a plan is approved by the board.

(e) The department shall monitor the success of students involved in a program by comparing the ISTEP test scores of grade 3 students who have participated in the program with the ISTEP test scores of:

(1) grade 3 students in the participating school who took the ISTEP test in years prior to the start of the program; and

(2) grade 3 students in other schools of similar size that are not participating in the program.

SECTION 2. IC 21-3-13 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]:

Chapter 13. Smart Start Grants

Sec. 1. The definitions set forth in IC 21-3-1.6 apply throughout this chapter.

Sec. 2. In addition to the amount a school corporation is entitled to receive under this article, each school corporation is entitled to receive a grant for its smart start program that is implemented under a plan approved under IC 20-1-22. A school corporation shall use the grant for its smart start program under the plan approved under IC 20-1-22.

Sec. 3. In determining grant amounts, the department of education shall give priority to school corporations that have a high number of students who are eligible to receive free or reduced price lunches under guidelines established under 42 U.S.C. 1758(b).

Sec. 4. This chapter expires July 1, 2003.

SECTION 3. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001] (a) There is appropriated to the department of education sixty million dollars (\$60,000,000) from the state general fund for its use in providing grants under IC 21-3-13, as added by this act, beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2003.

(b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2003.

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